

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 307

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Emory Valley Center Inc.
on the occasion of its sixtieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, Emory Valley Center is a private non-profit agency that provides support
and services to children and adults with intellectual, developmental, and physical disabilities.

Emory Valley Center will be celebrating their sixtieth anniversary on September 19, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Emory Valley Center was established in 1955 by a group of Oak Ridge and
Clinton parents wanting a better world for their handicapped children; they chartered the Oak
Ridge Council for Retarded Children, and started a school for intellectually disabled children in a
metal barracks building donated by the Atomic Energy Commission; and

WHEREAS, in 1966, many of the students at Daniel Arthur Rehabilitation Center and the
Emory Valley School became adults, and additional services were added to emphasize
vocational training; and

WHEREAS, in 1971, a sheltered workshop was built on land donated by the City of Oak
Ridge. The center for adults was known as the Community Services for Exceptional Citizens;
and

WHEREAS, in 1991, the name of the agency changed from Community Services for
Exceptional Citizens to Emory Valley Center, and the Center began providing early intervention
services; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, the Early Learning Center received five-year accreditation by the
National Association for the Education for Young Children; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, the adult programs received a four-year accreditation by the
Council on Quality and Leadership; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Emory Valley Center has grown steadily to meet the needs of the people they support and their families. Among the support and services provided are Supported Living, Residential Habilitation, Family Based, Semi-Independent Living, Respite, Facility Based Day, Community Based Day, Supported Employment, Community Living Supports, Personal Assistance, Transportation, Nursing, Speech Therapy, Physical Therapy, Early Intervention, Early Learning Center, Nursing, Adult Day Care, and Family Support; and

WHEREAS, Emory Valley Center is dedicated to ensuring fundamental safeguards related to health, safety, and human security, supporting and empowering people to achieve their goals and dreams and demonstrating organizational commitment to continued enhancement of systems directly related to person-centered services; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Emory Valley Center Inc. on its sixtieth anniversary of providing support and services to children and adults with intellectual, developmental, and physical disabilities, and commend this fine organization for continuing to empower those it serves in making choices for living their lives within our communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.